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It will be easy in this sketch to trace the rise and decay of the late Administration; inasmuch as misrepresentation and ignorance were accountable for its existence, and therefore according to all law of right and justice its early death and disgrace were inevitable.

On the 28th of June, 1892 , Lord Salisbury's Parliament, after six years of sound progressive legislation, was dissolved, and the General Election commenced on July ist.

It was not because of weakness that the Conservative chief laid down his trust, for at the date of dissolution his majority in the Commons stood at 68. Several considerations prevailed in deciding to appeal to the country one year before it was compulsory. First of all, the electorate is not too favourably disposed to Parliaments of excessive duration. The main argument for dissolution, however, at this time was that as Mr. Balfour's Local Government Bill for Ireland, by reason of relentless obstruction on the part of the Opposition, had to be withdrawn after the second reading, its opponents should be afforded the opportunity for which they had continuously professed themalves anxious and ready-of taking the opinion of the country ore :heir Home Rule alternative.

When the Elections concluded it was found that despite the protest and warning of loyal Ulster at the historic Convention of June i6th, Scotland and Wales had joined Nationalist Ireland at the


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shrine of Mr. Gladstone, and that the Home Rule nuajority was nominally 42. It would not be strictly correct to say that this meagre margin was gained solely on the Irish question. Home Rule was wrapped round with Local Veto, with Disestablishment, and a long array of trappings calculated to appeal to the Democratic British voter. Yet in spite of this the "predominant partner"-of whom more was afterwards to be heard-remained fast to the Union Jack, and in an Assembly of 670 the majority of 42 only existed by the votes of the Nationalists, of whom there were 80 in the House.

The new Parliament met on August 4th, Lord Salisbury still Premier. There he remained till the IIth, when Mr. Asquith moved


MR. A. J. BALFOUR.
a vote of "no confidence," which was carried by 350 to 310 votes; and on the $15^{\text {th }}$ the Unionist leader sent in his resignation. Mr. Gladstone was called upon immediately, and a day or two sufficed to bring together his Government, according to preconcerted arrange-ment-that Government which was to sever the last link connecting Ireland and Great Britain, and leave the Emerald Isle, its rebels and Loyalists to the tender mercies of the "heroes" of the Parnell Commission. The House was prorogued on the 18th till November 30th -from that date till January 3 1st, 1893.

Meanwhile there were abundant signs that the country had commenced to repent its hasty action. Bit by bit divisions in the ranks of Gladstonians began to appear, while at home the internecine war in the Nationalist camp waged destruction against the "union of hearts" theory. The Parnellites renewed the old cry of hatred and

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distrust of the Saxon; the Anti-Parnellites sought to calm the fears of their followers by the assurance that the British Government lay in the hollow of their hands. But the dry rot had already set in.


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During the autumn and winter the Ulster Convention League (the outcome of the great Convention), the Irish Unionist Alliance, and their friends across the Channel were hard at work spreading the light, and that with the most encouraging results. The formation and electric growth of Unionist Clubs throughout the island, and the bond of brotherhood forged between them and kindred bodies in Great Britain, led the sister nations to appreciate at something like its true value the reality of Loyalist intentions. It was, therefore, with high courage and determination that the Unionist forces flocked to Westminster on the last day of January, on the opening of the second Session of Her Majesty'sthirteenth Parliament.

The Queen's Speech, like the promises of Ministers during the Election, was full of ambiguity and allurement. Mention was made therein of a measure "to amend the provisions for the better, government of Ireland" (even then there was distrust of the term Home Rule), of Local Veto, of Disestablishment, and of Employers' Liability. Mr. Balfour at once flung down the gage of battle, and succeeded in wresting from Mr. Justin M‘Carthy and Mr. John Redmond statements

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as to the requirements of Home Rulers, which increased the panic already so well on foot. And not until the i3th Felruary did Mr. Gladstone find opportunity of essaying for the second time to dash the bulwarks of Britain to the ground and Hling Ireland backwards in the march of civirization. In principle the second Home Rule Bill was akin to the first. Briefly put, it proposed to establish an Irish Parliament consisting of two Chambera-a Legislative Assembly of 103 members, and a Legislative Council of 48 nembers, the former to be elected every five years and the latter every eight years, and their


SIR MATHEW WHITE RIDLEV.
powers-to legislate for the welfare of Ireland. The Land Question they were not to be allowed to deal with for three years; the R.I.C. and the appointment of judges were to be retained in the hands of the Imperial Government for six years, and the Customs, Excise, and Post Office permanently.

The memorable debate was opened by Sir Edward Clarke in a speech of remarkable power, wherein was demonstrated the futility of the project; and for four days it waxed wholly in favour of the Opposition, so far as reason and truth were concerned. On the 17th leave was given to bring in the Bill, and then followed the Easter recess.


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Mr. Collier, Birmingham. RIGHT HON. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN.
to all argument. Like a child he stuck to his toy, and yelled with rage whenever it was scratched. Eventually he lost his temper altogether. With the object of pointing out the financial blemishes, a representative and influential deputation from the the Belfast Chamber of Commerce waited upon him, under the belief that the


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his visitors, denounced them because they were not rebels, as were some of their forefathers in the days when Ulstermen fought for freedom since obtained, and shut them out with the sneer that there would be "a plethora of money." A deputation of London bankers and merchants who waited upon him the same day with the same object fared no better. They also met with insult, and were debarred the opportunity of proving their contentions. And yet, notwithstanding this attitude of unreasonable stubbornness, what occurred? On the 22nd June Mr. Gladstone withdrew the financial clauses objected to, and proposed that for six years the Imperial Government should


MR. GOSCHEN.
retain control of the finance; and that Irish members were to be retained at Westminster; the consequence being that the "in and out " arrangement originally proposed was absolutely dropped.

Prior to the assembling of Parliament the Convention League had decided upon supplying Great Britain and the world with a:t object lesson upon the strength and determination of Ulster Unionists. A public demonstration at which it was intended Lord Salishury should be present was arranged to take place in Belfast, on Tuesday, $4^{\text {th }}$ April. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed throughout the province. From border to border enrolled Loyalists responded to the call of their leaders, while from every quarter of Ireland-from the Capital and from Cork-messages of approval and sympathy poured in. Unfor-


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tunately, at the last moment, Lord Salisbury was prevented from being present; but a popular substitute was found in Mr. Balfour, and on Easter Monday, the 3rd April, Mr. Balfour arrived in the city and met with a reception worthy of the man and the cause he represented. The following day the demonstration took place. Journalists from all parts of the kingdom-men whose memories went back for half a century-were present, and the undivided opinion of all was that in numbers, appearance, and temperament the Balfour "March Past" had never been paralieled. The city was profusely decorated, and crowded with visitors-friends and foes. From early


EARL CADOGAN.
morning special trains brought tens of thousands within its boundarier, and along the route of the procession the streets were blocked for fuly eight hours with a surging multitude. In York Street, Mr. Balfon. who arrived from Mountstewart in company with his host, He Marquis of Londonderry, joined the procession with the Lord Mayur (Sir Daniel Dixon) and headed it to the Linen Hall, where a "review" platform was erected. And here from noon till five o'clock n.m.. he remained saluting the Loyalist Army of Ulster as it filed part. . ver 100,000 participated in the procession proper, while the $\mathrm{n}_{1} .{ }^{\text {. }}$. of sympathisers on the streets was incalculable. In the even., Mr. Balfour addressed a mass meeting in the Ulster Hall, and nc. x d.y

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left for Dublin, where another magnificent greeting was accorded him, and another splendid demonstration of loyalty took place. Thus fincd anew with zeal and knowledge, Mr. Balfour returned to the House of Commons.

The recess over, the fight began again on the Second Reading nn April 6th, and continued through twelve sittings; and on the 21 st the reading was carried by 347 to 304 votes.

The following day 1,000 Irish Unionist Delegates, who had crossed to London, marched through the Metropolis to the Albeit


MR. CHAPLIN.
Hall and held a meeting against Home Rule, at which promises of assistance were freely and plentifully offered by the London Loyalists.

On May 8th the Committee stage of the Bill commenced, and so splendidly was the combat conducted that the fifth clause was still under discussion on the 28th of June. Up till this period the Nationalist party had remained silent, their plan of campaign, as well as that of the Gladstonians, being to listen, to say nothing, and so tire out the Opposition. But the conspiracy failed. Unionist after
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Unionist rose in his place and pressed on the conflict ; and so, on the2gth June, Mr. Gladstone introduced his "gag," whereby it was intended to stifle discussion. Coercion succeeded for the moment. The Committee stage lasted for sixty-four sittings, and the Report stage commenced on the 7 th August. On the 15 th another " gag " was applied; debate was forbidden; the Bill must be accepted! Fourteen days only were allowed for the measure as amended! Three days were occupied on the Third Reading, the guillotine at work all the time. On the ist day of September the knife fell, and the Home Rule Bill passed the Commons by 301 votes to 267 .
While the great forensic conflict was proceeding, the Unionists were hard at work, everywhere succeeding in their efforts. Numerous deputations of working men came to Ulster from Scotland and England, and went back convinced of the folly of Home Rule. Lord Salisbury visited Belfast on the 24th May, and roused the hopes of the Loyalists with a promise of support from the Lords. Twice in this city and once in Derry (on the 26th) he was received with a welcome the import of which could neither be doubted nor mistaken.

With the death mask on its face the Bill reached the House of Lords on the 5th September. Earl Spencer brought it forward fondly, and the Duke of Devonshire laid it carefully on the block. He it was who moved its rejection in a speech of surpassing force, every word of whose peroration tolled the approaching execution. The debate, one of the most powerful ever heard in the Gilded Chamber, lasted till the 8th, and then, by the overwhelming majority of 419 to 41 , the Home Rule Horror was killed and flung into an ignominious grave.

So far, right had triumphed. But what might the next move be ? A dissolution and return to power of Home Rulers; or, would the measure be re introduced, passed, and again sent to the Lords? The country was not long kept in suspense. The Government elected the policy of threat and prevarication. Mr. Gladstone even now knew his chances at the polls on Home Rule were hopelessly gone-that overwhelming defeat awaited him from Land's End to John o' Groats. He knew, too, that he stood fixed on the horns of a dilemma fearful and fateful. The factions in his own following, which had long since commenced to snarl, now began to show their fangs. One cried aloud for an instant assault on the Lords, another for the pacification of the electorate by remedial British legislation. The Nationalists also, the tendency of whose aspirations has been the lust for license rather than the love of temperate freedom, as if to hasten the catastrophe, assumed a threatening aspect. It was ciear that unless all could be appeased, immediate ruin must ensue. The sword hung suspended over the head of the Octogenarian Disruptionist, and many knives were already at the rope. But one chance remained, and without

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regard for honour or honesty Mr. Gladstone bounded towards it. It was the chance of makeshift. He promised to deal with the Lords, and thus calmed the revolutionary Radicals; he promised to attend to the evicted tenants, and so assuaged the wrath of the M'Carthyites, who had conveniently forgotten Parnell's words, "it will be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a
 needle than for Mr. Gladstone or Mr. Morley to restore any single evicted tenant to his holding." He promised a Parish Councils Bill, an Employers' Liability Bill, and several other "catchvote" measures, well knowing the impossibility of fulfilling such undertakings. But he saved himself and tided over the crisis.

When the Session was resumed in November, matters had not improved. Home Rule had been got rid of for the time being, and the attention of Parliament was to be confined to the consideration of chimerical theories dreamt of, for the most part, by faddists and fools alone. And the dry rot went on. Rumours of dissension in the Cabinet accumulated, the union of hearts was now a forgotten story; it was plain that the mighty house of disruption was divided against itself. The hope of the Gladstonians and of rebel Ireland was at last trapped beyond escape, with but one move left. This was his resignation. It was heralded, and it was denied. But it was on the way, even on the blast of the denials-and suddenly it came like a bolt from the blue. On the ist March, I894, Mr. Gladstone spoke on the Local Government Bill, acFrom Photo. Russell \& Sons, Baker St. cepting the Lords' amendments. His speech was a wild denunciation of the Upper Chamber. Few thought as they listened to the excited and baffled old man that it was for the last time in that assembly where. during the trials and turmoil of fifty years, he had created and blasted a superb reputation. But so it proved. The next day his resignation was announced, and

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Mr. Gladstone was, so to speak, the last straw to which the floundering Administration clung. When he fled howling to his retreat no one doubted that the end was near. The battle that ensued upon the choice of his successor further weakened the already enervated ranks. Lord Rosebery was chosen, but not with the consent of the party. He was the nominee of Mr. Gladstone. He was young and buoyant. He has since shown himself to be a vacillating and a cowardly statesman. His election still farther widened the party rift. Sir W. Harcourt, who commanded the majority in the Cabinet, and who considered his claims weightier than those of the pitiable Peer, declared war. The Radicals and Socialists, outraged at the thought of a Prime Minister with a seat in that iniquitous Chamber against which the fire of their artillery was levelled, cried out in revolt; and the new Premier's advent to power was signalled by the adoption in the Commons of a resolution condemnatory of the House of Lords! The policy of "filling up the cup" was now in full play. The plough was steady in the sands, but no trace of furrows could be seen around. Measure after measure was introduced, with the one object of courting defeat at the hands of the Lords. Nothing practical was attempted, if we except the Factories Act. The Evicted Tenants Bill, based on the report of Mr. Morley's bugus Mathew Commission, had long since been rejected by the Upper House. Now came the time to bid for favour on the Temperance and Disestablishment tickets. Both were issued amidst the braying of trumpets, and both were withdrawn with groanings and lamentations that cannot be expressed. The Government majority was on the downward grade; it was steadily going, going-at any moment it might be gone. Every bye-election told that the country was bitterly repenting of its folly of 1892 . And still Lord Rosebery remained merry in the possession of a couple of Derby ribbons; while the Liberal party was smiting each other hip and thigh; while his dreaded rival, the Plantagenet, masqueraded in the costume of the motley against King Gambrinus; while the impoverished M‘Carthyite "colleagues" each branded his brother a traitor, a liar, and a scoundrel, in the face of howling Irish mobs; while the Roman Catholic priest prepared prayer-book and blackthorn for the impending fray, and the desperate band of Redmondites mocked the AUCTIONEERS,

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When and in what manner would the end arrive? Surely one final onslaught will be made on the stronghold of Hereditary Legis-laters-those inveterate enemies of Independent Labourers, of Hillside " Pathriots," and Tower Green Reformers! Surely this mighty Ministry will find release in one Spartan charge and win the laurels with which admiring constituencies beckon! No. As they lived they died-ignobly. With nothing accomplished, nothing done-the Rosbery Government fell. Not on Home Rule, though when it was abandoned, the death knell rang, nor on the ruins of the Gilded Chamber; not on the upturned towers of the Welsh Church, nor on the Harcourtean throne of ruined beer vats; but at the threshold of an empty arsenal, with the flag of their country sullied at their feet, the safety of the Empire disregarded, and its interests betrayed.

On Thursday, 2oth June, the majority fell to seven on the Disestablishment Bill. Coming events cast their shadows ahead. The next night, upon a question of mere administrative detail, it disappeared altogether. A motion to reduce the salary of the Secretary of War, in order that an explanation might be made regarding alleged deficiency in the stook of small arms, was resisted in the full knowledge of guilt. It was pressed to a division, and when the lobbies were cleared, the upholders of the Home Rule regime had been sent into silence. 132 members voted for the reduction, 125 against. The fateful figure 7 again, and this time on the right side! The House was astounded. The hard-fought fight was overthe field at last was won! When the wild cheering of the victors died away, the War Secretary intimated his intention of resigning, and in a few moments the House rose.

The news of the Government defeat spread like wildfire over city and country. On all men's lips the question rose: Will it be dissolution or resignation? To continue in office after this blow was, by consensus of opinion, judged impossible. Next day the Cabinet sat for hours, but, though it became known that Mr. Campbell Bannerman had surrendered his portfolio, no one could tell whether his colleagues would follow or desert him. Nor was it till Monday that the decision was declared. That evening, in the Lords and in the Commons, the resignation of the Government was announced. Discredited as they knew they stood, Ministers feared to face the electorate. On Tuesday, 25th June, Lord Salisbury accepted office and next day his Cabinet was formed. A brief adjournment followed, and supply having been voted and the Factories Act placed upon the Statute Book, by the assistance of the Unionists, on Saturday, 6th

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July, the perturbed ghost of the Home Rule Parliament, that had so long hovered within the precincts of St. Stephen's, fled shrieking into space.

## CAUSE OF THE FALL.

" Parliaments may live or die. Without virtue, no honied words-no cunning phrases-no eloquent tongue-no artful schemes, could save them from their fall. Public spirit is the breath of their life; withdraw it and they perish." - Whiteside on the Ivish Parliament.
The Separatist Government fell as much from its insincerity as incapacity. In its strongest hour it contained but two Home Rulers from conviction -Mr. Gladstone and Mr. Morley ; and of the two the latter-responsible in the main, as he undoubtedly was, for the former's conversion-was the more honest. Every other Member set himself the task of flirting with the principle of Home Rule, and that only because it was deemed expedient. When the Bill was abandoned, at the dictation of the Lords, the power of the Government crashed to the ground, and its dishonesty became patent to all the world. Distrust of the electorate showed itself in all subsequent actions-even in the election of Lord Rosebery as Premier, for it was principally to allay apprehensions of revolutionary designs on the Upper House that he was suffered to supersede Sir W. Harcourt. The measures in the Newcastle programme, to which attention was directed after the great surrender, were such as brought both Houses into conflict. They were found unreal, for they were deliberately created so. The Government aimed at redeeming pledges with shadows rather than substance. When Mr. Gladstone - who had in this Parliament proved more than ever before that his policy was " the apotheosis of party and the abnegation of truth "-retired, Nemesis came within touch. Lord Rosebery was distrusted by the Home Rulers from the first. As soon as he was fixed in office he began to pave the way for his own and his party's speedy destruction. He threatened an attack on the Lords, thus raising hopes the futility of which now became apparent ; he convinced Separatists by his "predominant partner" speech that he was not a Home Ruler of the calibre they desired. As time went on and division expanded in the Cabinet, his weakness waxed more and more. He feared to lead in any direction, and lay like a cork on a wave, tossed hither and thither at the mercy of the political gale. Sir William Harcourt made no effort to save his chief. His was a selfish struggle, clever, undoubtedly, but impossible of success through lack of moral conviction. Mr. John Morley alone could not revive Home Rule; nor, indeed, was he encouraged either by Liberals or Nationalists to do so. The former had already learnt that Great Britain would have none of it, the Nationalists themselves sought of their own accord to remove the veriest suggestion that might have existed of its practicaability. Time and Truth and Fate were all

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The annihilation of the Separatists sounds a warning to all legislators. Even in politics, honesty has been proven to be the best policy. There must be cohesion of thought and feeling behind the Government that would succeed. There must be neither tampering nor tinkering where it is not required. There must be no servility to designing and intemperate reformers. The wants of the Empire, and not poiitical abstractions, form the first business of Parliament. The late Government refused to recognise these truths, and accordingly brought on their own degradation and destruction. Beyond immediate chance of redemption they and their followers have passed, "unwept, unhonoured, and unsung," save by the enemies of England's greatness and of Ireland's prosperity.

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The political horizon is clear. The evil cloud that hung over the United Kingdom during the past three years is dispelled. The sun shines out once more. The strongest Government of modern times is in office, and opportunities for fruitful service are manifold and golden. Great expectations are founded upon the Coalition Ministry, and not without great cause. It includes the pick of the Conservative and the flower of the real Liberal party-a splendid combination, from which, we trust, there will proceed a National force bound by no hereditary sentiment or meaningless tradition, but actuated by love of country, and by that alone. In the Cabinet of Lord Salisbury we have the best ability available for the discharge of the Empire's executive work, and that work is vast and varied and pressing. The material and social conditions of the people demand attention. The Irish Land question calls for settlement. Changes in the Government of Ireland which will obviate the needless expense of litigation in London connected with local measures are requisite; and the industrial resources of the country, whose development was so well begun by Mr. Baltour and so shamelessly abandoned by Mr. Morley, have again to be brought within the lines of practical treatment. Though sent into office with a free hand, the Government of Salisbury, of Balfour, of Devonshire and of Chamberlain, may be trusted to do its duty, to maintain inviolate the integrity of the United Kingdom, the full rights of citizenship, and that perfection of civil and religious liberty which is commensurate with the Empire of Britain.


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